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Data on the SED Party School of the Berlin Bezirk

1. The Berlin Bezirk Party School is located on Rungestraße. The school is a day school except for West Berliners, who live in the school. The SED Kreis Party School, formerly in Kaulsdorf, is housed in the same building.
2. The school has ten seminars with about 240 students. Studies are now handled in a different way from formerly in the Land party schools. The whole curriculum is divided into cycles (Zyklus); each cycle deals with one special field and embraces several lessons. At the close of a cycle a seminar is held, in which a special topic is discussed.
3. For each course (Lehrstuhl) there is an oral and a written final examination. In the oral examination the student must answer a definite question, which he is not free to select himself. If he cannot answer the question, he is given the opportunity to select and answer another question. The student has twenty minutes to prepare for the examination, without assistance. The actual examination lasts fifteen minutes.
4. School hours are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. with a pause of one and one half hours for the midday meal.
5. Instruction in the Russian language is no longer obligatory in party schools, as of recent date. If a student is weak in German, he does not take Russian but is given more German instruction. The other students continue to take Russian.
6. Students receive allowances as follows: 30% of the last gross salary is taken as a base stipend. To this are added expenses for rent and transportation. For each child the student receives 30 DME per month, and as a married person he also receives 80 DME for his wife per month. In addition, there is a so-called "bed charge" (Bettengeld) of 11.20 DME monthly. All scholars are given full board at the school. West Berlin students receive a certain stipend in West German money.
7. After finishing the school course, the student is either installed as teacher of

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a study-group (Zirkel) or is enrolled as student in a study-group on the Classics.

8. A change has also taken place in the structure of the party organization within the party schools. Formerly there was only the central party directorate, with party groups as underpinning. There is probably still a central party organization with an official secretary; but in addition the students have a specially elected party leadership side by side with the party groups. The same is true of the teachers and other personnel. For instance, there is now a party secretary of the students' party directorate in the party schools. This secretary is not an official, but is a student.
9. During 17 June 1953 and for several weeks following, the Berlin Bezirk Party School naturally ceased to function. During this period the students were divided among the various Berlin enterprises or Kreis directorates. During 16 and 17 June, the students were sent in groups into the city to "enlighten" the population. They were specifically instructed to take off party insignia beforehand. Actually, however, little "enlightening" was done by the students because considerable fear prevailed even among the convinced members, and all were therefore very cautious. The 17th of June is said to have had its effect upon the school to the very end of the term, and no real enthusiasm and zeal for learning was left.
10. The instructor collective of the Berlin Bezirk Party School is made up of the following personnel: (for personalities, see the following sections of this report)
 - a. Office of the Director: director, deputy director, party secretary.
 - b. Course in Political Economy: chief instructor and two instructors.
 - c. Course in the Communist Party of the Soviet Union: chief instructor, six instructors, one assistant.
 - d. Course in Philosophy: chief instructor and three instructors.
 - e. Course in German History: chief instructor and four instructors.
 - f. Russian Language: one instructor.
 - g. Librarian: one person.
 - h. The above list is not complete. There are also a number of assistants in each course.

Personalities of the Staff of the Berlin Bezirk Party School (SED)

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11. Bossan (fnu)

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Head of the Berlin Bezirk Party School since summer of 1953.

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12. Wagner (fmu)

Formerly deputy director of the Berlin Bezirk Party School. Now second party secretary of the Stalin Elektro-Apparate-Werk, Berlin-Trentow.

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13. Koch, Erich

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Party secretary of the Berlin Bezirk Party School

14. Sellin (fmu)

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Chief instructor of the course on Political Economy of the Berlin Bezirk Party School.

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15. Koehler, Lilo (maiden name: Dademasch)

Instructor in Political Economy in the Berlin Bezirk Party School.

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16. Scholz, Irmgard

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Instructor in Political Economy at the Berlin Bezirk Party School.

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17. Hinte (fnu)

Chief instructor in the course on the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (KPSU)
in the Berlin Bezirk Party School.

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18. Fuhrmann, Erika

Instructor in the course on the KPSU at the Berlin Bezirk Party School.

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19. Havel (fnu)

Instructor in the course on the KPSU in the Berlin Bezirk Party School.

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20. Doerfel, Ilse

Instructor in the course on the KPSU in the Berlin Bezirk Party School.

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21. Achtenhagen, Ingrid

Instructor in the course on the KPSU in the Berlin Bezirk Party School.

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22. Koehler (fnu)

Instructor in the course on the KPdSU in the Berlin District Party School

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23. Blauert (fnu)

Instructor in the course on the KPdSU in the Berlin District Party School

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24. Witt (fnu)

Assistant in the course on the KPdSU of the Berlin District Party School

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25. Zert, Hans

Chief instructor in the course on Philosophy in the Berlin District Party School

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26. Kalus, Wolfgang

Instructor in the course on Philosophy in the Berlin District Party School

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27. Dietrich, Karl

Instructor in the course on Philosophy in the Berlin Bezirk Party School.



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28. Friess, Ernst

Instructor in the course on Philosophy in the Berlin Bezirk Party School.



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29. Prengel, Max

Chief instructor of the course on German History in the Berlin Bezirk Party School.

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30. Krueger, Willi

Instructor in the course on German History in the Berlin Bezirk Party School.



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31. Hammer, Paul

Instructor in the course on German History in the Berlin Bezirk Party School.

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32. Schmidt, Friedel

Instructor in the course on German History in the Berlin Bezirk Party School.

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33. Kert, Erna

Librarian in the Berlin Bezirk Party School.

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34. Gottwald, Hans

Instructor in the Berlin Bezirk Party School.

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35. Rentmeister, Hans

Former head of the Berlin Bezirk Party School; since 1953 Kreis secretary of SED Kreis directorate of Lichtenberg or Koenigsberg.

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36. Steffens, Lilo

Former instructor of Russian in the Berlin Bezirk Party School; now teacher of Russian in the Hochschule for Planned Economy (Planzekonomie) in Berlin-Kreis-horst.

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